

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mattress foundation constructed substantially of plastic material, comprising:

- a. a generally planar and essentially rigid top surface having an upper side for supporting a companion mattress and a lower side; and
- b. at least one essentially rigid sidewall extending substantially along the perimeter of the lower side of the top surface, depending downward from the top surface, defining a cavity, wherein an outer surface of the sidewall includes three dimensional architectural features formed therein, wherein the architectural features mimic a pattern and tactile feel substantially comparable to a quilted surface of [[a]] the companion mattress.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 1, including a headboard tangentially extending vertically along one end of the foundation.

4. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 3, wherein the headboard is made of substantially plastic material.

5. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 4, wherein an outer surface of the headboard, includes a pattern.

6. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 1, wherein a pattern is formed on at least a portion of the upper side of the top surface.

7. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 1, including at least one ground support member.

8. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 7, wherein the at least one ground support member is made of substantially plastic material.

9. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation of claim 8, wherein an outer surface of the at least one ground support member includes a pattern.

10. (Currently Amended) A mattress assembly constructed substantially of plastic material, comprising:

- a. a mattress foundation comprising:
 - i. a generally planar and essentially rigid top surface having an upper side for supporting a companion mattress and a lower side; and
 - ii. at least one essentially rigid sidewall, having a lower edge, the sidewall extending substantially along the perimeter of the lower side of the top surface, depending downward from the top surface, defining a cavity, wherein an outer surface of the sidewall includes three dimensional features formed therein causing the outer surface to mimic a quilting pattern substantially comparable to a quilting pattern on [[a]] the companion mattress;
- and
- b. a frame assembly comprising a plurality of ground support members supporting the foundation, depending downward from the lower edge of the at least one sidewall, holding the foundation above ground, and maintaining the top surface in a substantially horizontal orientation.

11. (Currently Amended) A mattress foundation assembly comprising,

- a. an essentially rigid plastic top panel for supporting a companion mattress, and
- b. at least one essentially rigid plastic side wall extending along at least a portion of a perimeter of the plastic top panel and depending downward from the plastic top panel, wherein an outer surface of the plastic side wall includes first three dimensional features sized and shaped to mimic a quilting pattern on [[a]] the companion mattress.

12. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 11, wherein the plastic side wall includes a panel interfitted onto the outer surface of the plastic side wall, and an outer surface of the panel includes the first three dimensional features.

13. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 12, wherein the first three dimensional features are molded into the panel.

14. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 11, wherein the first three dimensional features are molded into the plastic side wall.

15. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 11 including an aperture for a drawer.
16. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 15 including a drawer slidably interfitted within the aperture, the drawer having an outer side, the outer side of the drawer including second three dimensional features substantially the same as the first three dimensional features of the plastic side wall.
17. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 11, wherein the rigid top panel includes an outer surface and the outer surface includes second three dimensional features and an outer periphery portion substantially devoid of the second three dimensional architectural features.
18. (Previously Presented) The mattress foundation assembly of claim 11, wherein the outer periphery portion of the outer surface of the rigid top panel is substantially devoid of substantially any three dimensional features, including the first and second three dimensional features.